

**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**TRANSIT COMMITTEE**

May 16, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.  
Maricopa Association of Governments; Saguaro Room;  
302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

ADOT: Jill Dusenberry  
Avondale: Kristen Taylor, Vice Chair  
#Buckeye: Robert Busick for Andrea Marquez  
Chandler: Jason Crampton  
\*El Mirage: Vacant  
#Gila River Indian Community, Deb Brunner  
Gilbert: Kristin Myers  
Glendale: Kevin Link  
Goodyear: Christine McMurdy  
#Maricopa: David Maestas  
Maricopa County DOT: Reed Kempton

Mesa: Jodi Sorrell  
\*Paradise Valley: Jeremy Knapp  
Peoria: Stuart Kent  
Phoenix: Maria Hyatt, Chair  
\*Queen Creek: Vacant  
Scottsdale: Gregory P. Davies  
Surprise: Martín Lucero  
#Tempe: Robert Yabes  
\*Tolleson: Vacant  
Valley Metro: Abhishek Dayal  
#Youngtown: Grant Anderson

\* Members neither present nor represented  
by proxy.

# Participated (or attended) by teleconference  
+ Participated (or attended) by videoconference

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Audra Koester Thomas, MAG  
Marc Pearsall, MAG  
Alice Chen, MAG  
DeDe Gaisthea, MAG  
Teri Kennedy, MAG  
Tarraniqué Nuness, MAG

Jeff Martin, Chandler/Mesa  
Ryan Lee, Glendale  
Liza Golden, MCDPH  
Mike James, Phoenix  
Ken Kessler, Phoenix  
Jorie Bresnahan, Phoenix  
LeJerald Jackson, Tempe  
Carol Ketcherside, Valley Metro

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Chair Maria Hyatt. She welcomed everyone in attendance and announced that a quorum was present. She noted that several members were joining the meeting by teleconference: Robert Busick for Andrea Marquez of Buckeye, Deb Brunner of Gila River Indian Community, David Maestas of Maricopa, Martín Lucero of Surprise, Robert Yabes of Tempe, and Grant Anderson of Youngtown. She asked if there were any further comment, and hearing none, proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

### 2. Approval of Draft February 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Chair Hyatt inquired if there were any comments or corrections to the Draft February 21, 2017 Minutes. Hearing no comments, she called for a motion to approve the Draft February 21, 2017 Minutes. Jason Crampton of Chandler moved to approve the motion, Reed Kempton of MCDOT seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Hyatt then proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

### 3. Call to the Audience

Chair Hyatt stated that she had not received any request to speak cards from the audience and moved onto the next item on the agenda.

### 4. Transit Planning Report

Chair Hyatt introduced the MAG Transit Planning Project Manager, Audra Koester Thomas.

Ms. Koester Thomas explained that there were various new items to report on. She congratulated the City of Tempe and Valley Metro as it was reported on May 1 that there was \$50 million to be included in the federal appropriations bill for Tempe Streetcar Project. She then advised that there would be a Regional Transit Framework Study Update: technical workgroup meeting on Thursday, May 18 at 9 a.m. at MAG in the Saguaro Room. The focus of the meeting would be a presentation of the 2040 market analysis and discussions regarding the evaluation framework.

She then noted that for the Regional Commuter Rail System Study Update, consultant AECOM and MAG's Marc Pearsall continued to update modeling data as well as engaging in railroad outreach with BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad. A planned 'Governance Workshop' would occur in July-August, followed by indemnity/liability research in the early fall.

Ms. Koester Thomas then briefed the committee on ATAN, or Achieving Transit Accessibility Now, and the pending notice of funding opportunity that will be distributed by the first week in June, if not sooner. She added that this first call for projects would be for up to \$500,000. Agencies were encouraged to package projects and/or work with Valley Metro as each agency strategizes a

response. Mr. Dayal of Valley Metro then thanked MAG and the member agencies for participating and bringing this issue forward in helping to advance the prospects of better, accessible transit. He also offered Valley Metro's resources to assist member agencies. Valley Metro would be bringing forth a construction projects contractor that would be permitted to perform miscellaneous capital activities. He stated that this would help in cost savings as well as other administrative efficiencies, and the use of regional funds in order to expedite these projects would also forgo the need for a new IGA between Valley Metro and the requesting member agency.

Ms. Koester Thomas also welcomed a new Committee member from the Gila River Indian Community, Deb Brunner (and noted that Greg McDowell would continue as Proxy). She then noted upcoming calendar items: LISC Phoenix would celebrate 25 Years by hosting Charles Montgomery, author of Happy City on MAY 24, 2017 ~ 6:30-8:00 PM. Interested parties could RSVP to LISC. Mr. Charles was planning to address MAG Regional Council earlier in the day (11:30 a.m.) with an invitation for mayors to meet with Charles at 10:30 a.m. She then noted an affiliated webinar and training opportunities: The MAG Happy City Workshop would take place on May 25th; and would include participation by several transit committee members. She concluded by noting that the next Transit Committee meeting would actually be a Joint Bike & Ped/Transit Committees Meeting and was planned for June 20 at 1:00 p.m. at the MAG Saguaro Room. She also offered a thank you to Valley Metro for hosting the Transit Committee tour of the Mobility Center on April 26, 2017, and that it was a great opportunity to learn more about the process and to tour a fantastic regional facility.

Chair Hyatt thanked Ms. Koester Thomas and asked if there were further questions or comments regarding the agenda item. Hearing no further comments, she proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

#### 5. Glendale Park-and-Ride Deferral

Chair Hyatt invited Mr. Marc Pearsall of MAG to brief the Committee the agenda item. Mr. Pearsall stated that he was giving a presentation on requests for date revisions of regionally significant projects.

Mr. Pearsall stated that the City of Glendale was requesting to defer the Glendale park-and-ride from its current opening year of 2017. The previously recommended site was no longer available for transit usage. The deferral would allow the City of Glendale to coordinate with Valley Metro, City of Peoria and MAG to reevaluate the optimum location for the proposed park-and-ride within the area adjacent to Loop 101. Mr. Pearsall stated that this project would be forwarded to Regional Council for action in the coming month.

He then briefly summarized the agenda action: to change to the opening date for the Glendale park-and-ride project for inclusion in the Draft FY 2018-2022 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, and amendment to the FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan, as appropriate, contingent on a new finding of conformity.

Chair Hyatt again thanked Mr. Pearsall and asked if there were further questions or comments regarding the agenda item. Mr. Link asked if the motion may be amended to read more clearly as to call out the current construction date and well as the new, deferred construction date. Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Pearsall concurred and additional comments were heard from Mr. Crampton regarding the TLCP.

Hearing no further comments, Chair Hyatt called for a motion on the revised motion, which read as follows: Recommend approval to defer Glendale park-and-ride construction work phase from 2017 to 2023, for inclusion in the Draft FY 2018-2022 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, Draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, and amendment to the FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan, as appropriate, contingent on a new finding of conformity. Mr. Kevin Link of Glendale moved to approve the motion, Mr. Stuart Kent of Peoria seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Hyatt then proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

#### 6. Draft FY 2018-2022 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Chair Hyatt invited Ms. Teri Kennedy of MAG to present on the Draft FY 2018-2022 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She then referred to her presentation.

Ms. Kennedy noted that the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2022 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) had been under development since March 2016. She said that all federally funded projects and regionally significant transportation projects (including local and privately funded projects) were required by federal law to be included in the draft TIP for the purpose of meeting the air quality conformity analysis requirements. The Transit Program of Projects (POP) were included in the TIP as a sub-set and reminded the members that the current final FY2017 apportionments had not been published and projects would follow the priority listings when full funding was published.

She then presented a brief overview of the Draft MAG FY2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. As a reminder, she referred to a map of the MAG Geographical Planning Area: on May 9, 2013 the Governor approved the expansion of the MAG planning boundaries to include the balance of the GRIC in the Pinal County, the City of Maricopa, and the Town of Florence. Also joining the MAG Region as a member is Pinal County. She reminded the members of the schedule: the TIP development began in March last year, and currently the region was in the Final Phase TIP development moving toward conformity and final approval targeted for July.

Ms. Kennedy stated that included within the DRAFT FY2018-2022 TIP, were elements for the Metropolitan TIP as contained in 23 CFR Part 450.326. It covered five years, conformed to all applicable Federal & State air quality plans & standards, reported on all projects programmed with Federal funds identified in US Code Title23 and Title49-Chapter 53, and all of the regionally significant projects were included. She also summarized the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the current FY2017-21 TIP, and proposed Draft 2040 RTP included: regional plans, programs and policies, public involvement and comments, State and Federal Guidance, and member agency information updates and data collection.

She then referred to elements included within the TIP. It contained all of the regionally significant projects: the interstate highway system, Congressionally designated projects, all transportation projects funded with Federal funds (unless noted in Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) or as a lump sum listing). She noted all regionally significant projects to be funded with non-Federal funds: Regional Area Road Funds, Public Transit Funds, Highway User Revenue Funds and other State, county, private, and local funds. She also detailed the Quantity of Projects: FY 2018-2022 TIP as of 4-26-2017, Air Quality/Pave, Bike/Ped, Freeway and Interchanges, ITS, Maintenance/Other/Bridge, Safety Street/Intersect, Bus, and Rail.

Ms. Kennedy advised the members on where funding was being distributed from for the transportation categories. \$3.84 billion was issued for the highway listings; \$1.33 billion issued for transit bus and rail listings, and then she summarized estimated revenues for federal funding, and regional funding. Her presentation reflected the following TIP inclusions: Life Cycle Programs. RARF/PTF = 56.2% RF-HP, 33.3% Transit, 10.5% Arterial Streets, \$2434.7 million total RARF/PTF for 18-22 years were projected, FHWA funded projects and included FTA Section 5307 POP Development, with Final Apportionment to come.

She concluded by reviewing the next steps of the process: comments by the public were included in the FY 2017 MAG Final Phase Input Opportunity Report provided to the Management, and Transportation Policy Committees and Regional Council. The committees and Regional Council would review and approve FY2018-2022 TIP in May/June 2017, with FHWA, FTA, EPA, ADOT to review and approve various areas of the TIP, POP, Air Quality Conformity, and the 2040 RTP in the June/July 2017 time-frame. She advised that the Draft FY 2018-2022 MAG TIP may be viewed on the MAG website at: [www.azmag.gov/TIP](http://www.azmag.gov/TIP).

She stated that the item was on the agenda for information, discussion and possible action for the approval of the Draft FY 2018-2022 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and as appropriate, amendment to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), contingent on a finding of conformity.

Chair Hyatt thanked Ms. Kennedy for her presentation and asked if there were further questions or comments regarding the agenda item. Hearing none, Chair Hyatt called for a motion, Ms. Kristin Myers of Gilbert moved to approve the motion, Mr. Kevin Link of Glendale seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Hyatt then proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

#### 7. Draft FY 2017 Program of Projects (POP) and Working Draft FY 2018 Program of Projects

Chair Hyatt invited Ms. Alice Chen of MAG to present on the Draft FY 2017 Program of Projects (POP) and Working Draft FY 2018 Program of Projects. Ms. Chen then referred to her brief presentation. She explained that the Program of Projects (POP) was developed annually and ensured that the public was informed and had continued involvement in the development of the Transportation Improvement Program. Per MAG's Public Participation Plan, the MAG public participation process satisfies the grantee's public participation requirements for the POP.

In order to allow the City of Phoenix, the regional Designated Recipient, enough time to submit the grants to the FTA for approval by the 2017 Federal Fiscal Year, projects must be approved in the MAG TIP for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program at the June 28, 2017 MAG Regional Council Meeting. At the time of mail out for May's agenda, the full year apportionment from the FTA and the annual State Transportation Program apportionment from the Arizona Department of Transportation had not yet been finalized. The projected funding levels from the partial year apportionment were utilized as guidelines in this draft.

She briefly reviewed the transit programming schedule and then a summary of the transportation programming priorities. She also reviewed programming priority 8: the Regional Transit Survey Responses FY2017 as well as responses as of February 21, 2017 for the Fiscal Years 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. She then listed the programming priority 8 scenarios contingency list of projects for possible inclusion in the FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program: Recommended for approval by MAG Transit Committee on February 21, 2017.

She advised that item was on the agenda for information, discussion and recommended approval of the Draft FY2017 Program of Projects and Working Draft FY 2018 Program of Projects, inclusion of contingent list of projects if federal funds are available upon final apportionment, and amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2017-2021 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, and as appropriate, for inclusion in the Draft FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

Chair Hyatt thanked Ms. Chen for her presentation and asked if there were further questions or comments regarding the agenda item. Ms. Myers asked about the STP Flex for vanpools, Mr. Dayal commented and Ms. Kennedy noted that it was a scenario where MAG had swapped the PTF for federal funds. Hearing no further comments, Chair Hyatt called for a motion, Mr. Jason Crampton of Chandler moved to approve the motion, Ms. Christine McMurdy of Goodyear seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Hyatt then proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

#### 8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Hyatt asked the members of the Committee if there were any issues or topics that they would like added as future agenda items. Hearing no further comments, Chair Hyatt proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

#### 9. Next Meeting Date

Chair Hyatt thanked those in attendance and announced that the next scheduled meeting of the MAG Transit Committee would be a joint meeting with the Bike/Ped Committee. This meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, one hour earlier than usual at 1:00 p.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room. There being no further business, she adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.